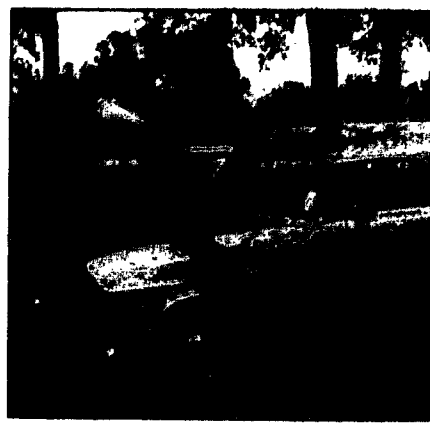




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Annual classic car show raises nearly \$3,000 for Bay Fire Department's Doll & Toy fund.

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The Heritage Choir of Diamondhead United Methodist Church is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday from 7 a.m. until noon. Tickets are available for \$5 per person. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 5305 Noma Drive in Diamondhead. For tickets or other information call 228-255-6888. Proceeds go to benefit the music ministry at the church.

Gaits to Success plans fundraiser Saturday

The annual fund-raiser for Gaits to Success, the non-profit organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding for handicapped youngsters, will be held Saturday at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Rd. A shrimp Creole dinner will be served from 6-8 p.m., a \$2,500 drawdown and door prizes and raffles. Takeout meals will be available. Tickets, available at the door, are \$25 and admit two.

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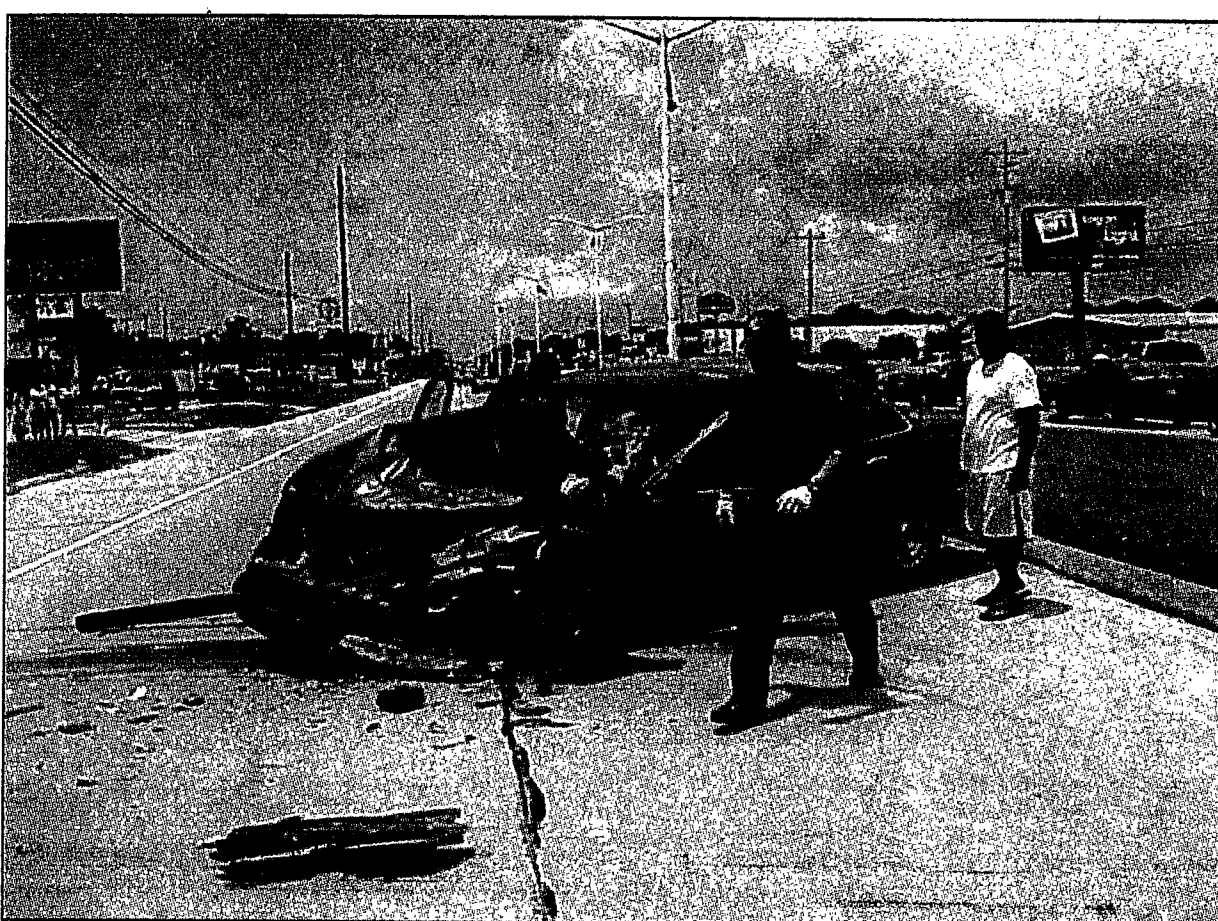
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CRASH ON HWY. 90



A three-car collision Tuesday afternoon injured four people and blocked both the east- and west-bound lanes of Hwy. 90. Bay St. Louis police and fire-rescue workers were on the scene for more than two hours, both assisting the crash victims and re-routing traffic.

Photos by Joseph Keifer

Four injured in three-car collision

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Four people were injured Tuesday afternoon in a three-car collision that snarled both lanes of lunch-time traffic on Hwy. 90 for more than an hour.

The accident occurred near the intersection of Hwy. 90 and Easterbrook at a little after noon Tuesday, Bay St. Louis Police Sgt. Richard Hannah said.

Hannah said that a vehicle driven by Brenda G. Ruffin of Bay St. Louis rear-ended a vehicle driven by Janet N. Frisbie of Kiln, "causing the second vehicle to run off the road on the right side. Vehicle one then careened off, jumped the median and hit vehicle



three (driven by Bridget Garcia of Bay St. Louis) head-on in the east-bound lane."

All three drivers were injured in the crash, as was a passenger in one of the vehicles.

Three of the victims were transported to Hancock Medical Center for treatment. The fourth was taken to

Gulfport Memorial, Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil said.

"They were really very lucky," McNeil said. "We're really very, very fortunate that no one was killed."

He said that despite the violence of the crash, two small children riding in one of the

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Woman jailed for stabbing husband

Domestic sends Shoreline Pk. man to hospital, wife to jail

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Shoreline Park resident ended up in the hospital with stab wounds and his wife in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility following a domestic disturbance, Sheriff Steve Garber said this week.

Investigating the case is Interim Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt, who said, "Wendall Wagner, 39, has been charged with aggravated domestic violence for allegedly stabbing her husband, Todd Allen Wagner, 33, with a 5.75-inch steak knife."

Todd Wagner was transported from his 21st Avenue residence via American Medical Response, where he received treatment for three stab wounds - two were to his chest and

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Bay man charged with molestation

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Bay St. Louis man has been charged with molestation involving a 15-year-old male, according to Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell.

Varnell said, "Scott Anthony Stevens, 26, 421 7th St., Bay St. Louis, was arrested for an alleged molestation ... on Monday, July 14. Waveland Police were called to investigate the incident, which was alleged to have happened on July 12 at the end of Longo Street."

Varnell said Stevens was placed in the

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Cause of Ace Autoplex fire still undetermined

Neighbors heard explosion half-mile away

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

It could be several more days before all state Fire Marshal David Dry's investigation into a blaze at Ace Autoplex on Hwy. 603 is complete, he said Tuesday afternoon.

The facility caught fire at around 3:10 a.m. Monday, and firefighters from both the East

Hancock and Bayside Park volunteer fire departments responded to the blaze.

Witnesses say an explosion that occurred some time after the blaze began could be heard a half-mile away.

Hancock Emergency Management Agency Executive

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State Fire Marshal David Dry and Hancock Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Brian Adams sift through the wreckage of Ace Autoplex on Hwy. 603 Tuesday. The facility burned early Monday morning.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

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Stennis holds Robotics Consortium

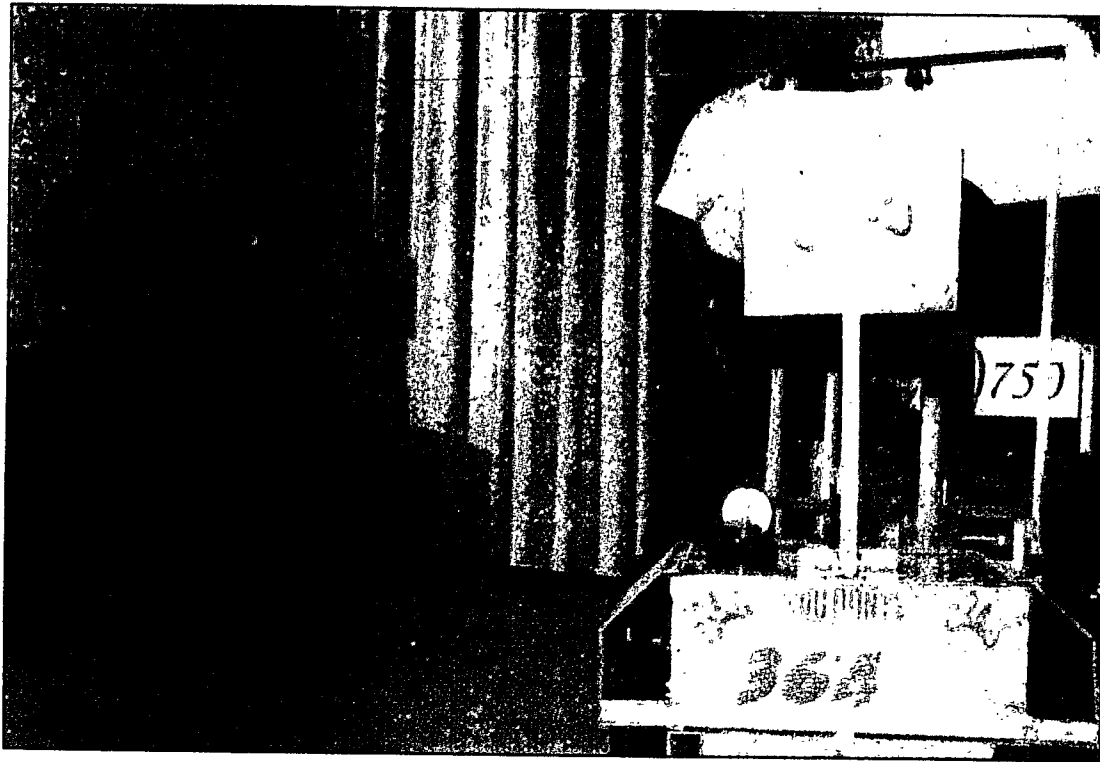
THE SEA COAST ECHO
The first annual Mississippi Robotics Consortium was held in the Stennis Auditorium at Stennis Space Center on July 16.

Community and education leaders from throughout the state met to learn how schools, community and industry can partner in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics competition.

The FIRST program, which currently has more than 800 teams participating from the United States and abroad, inspires students to pursue careers in engineering, science and technology by working with engineers to design and build a robot for competition.

The meeting was held to give participants information about how to successfully support a FIRST team.

Members from area FIRST teams were also on hand to display their robots and to discuss their experiences with the program.



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
Ashlin Bollacker and Adam Barnett demonstrate a robot Wednesday at Stennis Space Center. Bollacker, a recent graduate of Gulfport High School, plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall. Barnett will be a senior at Gulfport High next year.

David Fava, a technology applications instructor at Gulfport High and the coach of Team Fusion, spoke about his involvement in the program.

Stennis personnel have

been sponsoring teams from Picayune High School in Picayune, Piney Woods School in Jackson, Choctaw Central High School in Philadelphia, Miss., Warren Central High School in

Vicksburg, Gulfport High School in Gulfport and Pearl River High School in Pearl River, La.

To find out more about FIRST, call (800) 871-8326 or visit www.usfirst.org.

Bay Middle becomes Explorer School

THE SEA COAST ECHO
On Monday, representatives from NASA's Stennis Space Center (SSC) and five Mississippi schools signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), embarking on a three-year effort to fire students' imaginations through the new NASA Explorer Schools Program.

The schools are Ed Mayo Junior High in Moss Point, Choctaw Central Middle in Choctaw, North Gulfport Seventh and Eighth Grade in Gulfport, Bay-Waveland Middle in Bay St. Louis and Florence Middle in Florence.

Mississippi has the second-highest number of in-state NASA Explorer Schools in the United States, fewer than only California.

Under the memorandum, an educator team from each middle or junior high school will work with NASA personnel and resources to make the schools' math and science curricula more appealing to students. The MOU also outlines NASA's and the schools' efforts to sustain educators' professional development and "to encourage student involvement and discovery."

"When you say NASA's going to be a part of something, it excites students, fires their imaginations," said Wanda DeMaggio, education programs specialist for NASA's Office of External Affairs, Education, at SSC.

The signing kicks off a week-long workshop for the teacher and administrator participants. The 25 team members will learn how to use SSC and NASA education resources, get help developing their action plans and take part in activities such as Distance Learning, Noodling with Newton, Mission Mathematics, 100 Years of Flight, GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) and Amusement Park Physics.

"I hope to bring back

something that relates specifically to teaching one of our state-required skills," said Sandi Parks, eighth-grade science teacher at North Gulfport Seventh and Eighth Grade School. "We're full of technology, but it doesn't do you any good if you don't know how to use it."

"We're going to teach these teachers how to use the materials with hands-on training," said Kelly Witherspoon, SSC coordinator for the NASA Explorer Schools program. "We'll

work with their students throughout the school year."

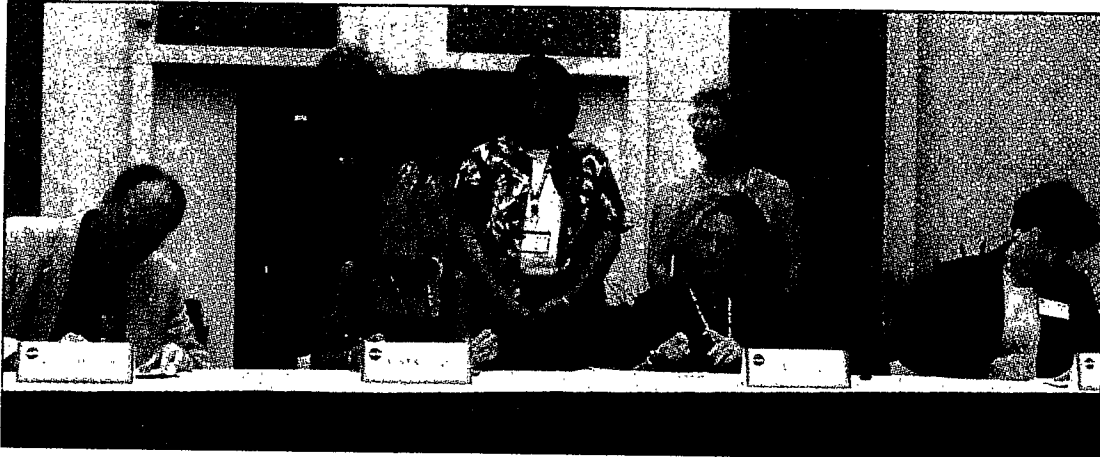
Each NASA Explorer School Team member will receive a \$500 stipend for completing the workshop, and another \$500 when they implement the action plan during the 2003-04 school year.

Each Explorer School becomes eligible for a \$10,000

NASA grant to buy equipment to implement the action plan.

All the efforts of the NASA Explorer Schools program are aimed at one goal: to "excite kids about math, science, engineering and technology so they'll take the appropriate courses in high school, then college, and eventually choose those fields as careers," Witherspoon said.

For more information about NASA's Explorer Schools program, visit www.explorerschools.nasa.gov.



Pictured from left are Michael Rudolphi, Stennis Space Center acting director; Connie Roth, Bay St. Louis-Waveland Middle School teacher and NASA Explorer Schools lead teacher; Carolyn Lea, Bay St. Louis-Waveland Middle School principal; and Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District superintendent Kim Stasny. Back row from left, Bay St. Louis-Waveland Middle School teachers Kay Covode, Jenny Crowder and Marietta Murray.



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Concrete business owner firm on stance that P&H should fix road

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Lennie Farris, owner of Farris Concrete Pumping and a tenant at the light industrial park located at Stennis International Airport is not happy with the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. He brought attorney Michael D. Haas, Jr. with him to Monday's recessed meeting to make sure Commissioners knew just how unhappy he is.

Farris said that road standards were misrepresented when he recently bought property at the park. He said that when he paid the Port \$60,000 for the approximately acre and a half of land, that it was with the understanding that the road where the property was located was built to state load standards. It was stated as much on the Port's official website and in the Port's brochure's, said Farris.

A check of the website found that most of the airport site was under construction on Wednesday, but the main page stated, "The airport's main access road is 24 feet wide and all roads are designed for the state weight limit." The state weight limit is 80,000 pounds.

Farris said Port and Harbor officials recommended the site as the best location for his business. Farris owns about seven 55,000 to 57,000 pound trucks which would need access to the \$200,000 plus building nearing completion at the site.

Port and Harbor officials say that the road to Farris' property was in fine condition until contractors hauling in fill to the site tore up the road with trucks that were too heavy and too large for the road. Commission president David McDonald said he has witnessed the trucks tearing up the road.

Farris said that the road, which consisted of about

three inches of asphalt laid on the road without any base, would never have supported the weight of his trucks anyway.

Director Hal Walters said that the port wants to work with Farris to resolve the problem, but that the \$85,000 it would cost to re-asphalt the road to state standards is not available right now. Deputy director Greg Deakle said that temporary solution could cost much less. For about \$12,000 crushed limestone with a sturdy base of sand and geotech fabric could be laid on the road, he said.

Farris said he could work with the temporary solution, but only if Commissioners could give him a firm date to finish the work.

"It could be a year and it could be five years, we can't give you a definite time," said one Commissioner during a heated debate in which Farris' attorney Haas said he had advised his client against doing business with the Commission.

Talks to find a solution to the road problem will continue at a committee meeting next week.

In other business:

• Phillips's Aviation owner Gene Phillips appeared with attorney Zach Butterworth to ask the Commission for an option to renew his three year lease on hanger space. Phillips said he needed confirmation on the option before the end of the month to enable him to place a bid for a government fuel contract on the field at Stennis Airport. Phillips currently holds the contract on the field and has done business at the airport for close to fifteen years. Commissioners said they would discuss the renewal option at a meeting next week and give Phillips's and answer at the July 28 regular meeting.

• Commissioners voted to accept a bid from Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$960,000 on the new technology building at Stennis Airport.

Hancock schedules student registration

On Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Hancock County School District will hold registration for NEW students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Parents of students should report to the respective school with their child's certified birth certificate, immunization record, and two proofs of residency. Registration is only necessary for NEW students in grades K-12 who will attend Charles B. Murphy Elementary, East Hancock Elementary, Gulfview Elementary, Hancock North Central Elementary, Hancock Middle School or Hancock High School during the 2003-2004 school year. For additional information, con-

tact the Superintendent's Office at (228) 255-0376.

Misfits Street Krewzers ... for Life



The Misfits Street Krewzers classic car club on Saturday donated an additional \$250 to the Hancock County Leg of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life effort. The club raised the funds through car shows in the area. The money will be spent to help local people who have been diagnosed with cancer.

To hook up, or not to hook up: That's the question

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Some Hancock County residents were ordered to hook up to the sewer; others were told they could unhook their homes from the service at a board meeting of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District. All live off of Henry Shubert Rd. Lionel Ladnier was ordered to hook up two residences on property he owns off of Henry Shubert Rd. and pay back billing effective to the time that sewer service was completed in his area, about two years ago.

Neighbors had taken the case before the Board of Supervisors because they were concerned that Ladnier was not in compliance with sewer regulations in the county. They were also concerned that he planning a development and would put more residences on the property that were not in compliance with sewer regulations. Ladnier said at the meeting that he had already made arrangements to hook up the two residences.

Other neighbors on the road, members of the Necaie family, were told that they could unhook their houses from county sewer service. The family

owns several acres of property along the road but have divided it amongst themselves, so only one residence's property line is officially within the 100 foot perimeter of the road that requires it to hook up to sewer service.

Service is available on the property because the District installed all the needed equipment for the homes there, apparently without easement rights.

Many of the households hooked up but later they decided they no longer wanted the service.

Now the District will have to go pull pipes and equipment off the property. Though District policy requires that only property within 100 feet of the roadway where service is offered hook up, District director Eddie Renz told the family

that Health Department regulations could be a different matter.

If the Health Department decides to make the family hook up to service after the equipment is pulled, Renz said, each household will be required to pay the \$2,600 fee for new hookups and for the cost of replacing pipe to the houses. A spokesman for the family agreed to do so.

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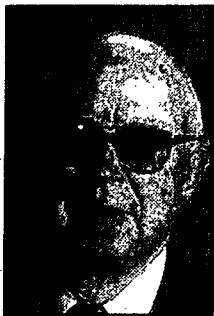
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'Kids Kicking Cancer' Softball tournament

There will be a benefit softball tournament this Friday and Saturday at the Dedeaux Community Recreational Park in memory of Haley Ladner. Softball, political speaking, food and games. All proceeds go to Kids Kicking Cancer.



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

After Hours scheduled today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's July Business After Hours this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at Whitney Bank, Bay Highway 90 branch.

There will be good food, refreshments and live entertainment.

Bring along a couple of business cards, as there will be several door prizes.

I hope to see you at the After Hours this evening.

Several days ago the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's office mailed new voter registration cards to all the qualified electors of the county.

The 2000 census showed a change in population in several areas of the county and this meant some changes in the Hancock County Board of Supervisors district lines.

Several of the cards have been returned to the Circuit Clerk's office by the U.S. Postal Service for various reasons, mostly incorrect addresses because of moves.

Anyway, if you are a qualified elector and have not received your new registration card, now would be the time to check to see if you are in the same district and vote at the same place.

As a for instance, all of my voting life, I have been in Hancock County's District Five, even when I resided in Waveland, but with the changes in Beat lines, I am now in District

Five and vote at another location.

The August primaries are fast approaching and hopefully before the election, all qualified electors will know their voting precinct.

I have a feeling there will be lots of folks at the Hancock County Multi-Purpose Arena on Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will have an auction for about 140 horses and burros to individuals who agree to give them a good home. Minimum competitive bids will begin at \$125 for qualified adopters.

To be approved an adopter must be at least 18 years of age, resident of the U.S., have no convictions for inhumane treatment of animals, must have adequate facilities, the financial means to care for the animals, and some experience training a horse or burro.

The animals are scheduled to be on display for view on Friday prior to adoption.

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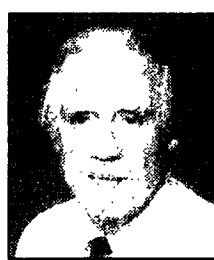
'As told to' book is no memoir

Sonny Montgomery needed to write a personal memoir about his 40 years as both a state legislator and Congressman as well as his World War II experience, full of rich detail and insights into his honored career we don't know about.

However, his newly published "Sonny Montgomery—The Veteran's Champion," isn't it.

Published by the Mississippi State University Libraries, Sonny's book is an "as told to" book, the writing done by Michael Ballard and Craig Piper, both political researchers at MSU.

It leaves out most of the juicy parts. For instance skipping over what it must have been like to be a moderate state Senator during Ross Barnett's years when racial demagoguery and segregationist extremism reigned around the state



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

University of Mississippi campus.

Or the emotional struggle he must have wrestled with internally to remain a National Democrat in Congress while he saw his constituency trending Republican and his voting at odds with much of the House Democratic leadership.

However, "The Veteran's Champion" is, as it should be, a tribute to

Montgomery's dedication over a great many years to the cause of military veterans. As I had written when he departed his Congressional seat in 1996, veterans had lost "the best friend they ever had," or probably, would ever have.

The pity is we don't find out more about Gillespie v. Montgomery the man and his own travail in the world of politics at a time spanning a veritable civil rights insurrection in his home state, to the Reagan Revolution in the U.S. Capitol, and the end of a 50-year-old Cold War struggle with the Soviet Union.

I regret especially that he hardly talks about his 10 years as a Democratic state senator from Meridian from 1956 through 1966, years in which we became good friends as I sat in the Senate press box only about 25 feet directly opposite where he sat in the front

row of the Senate.

We had a standing joke that I always gave him a "thumbs up" if he should vote for a bill under debate or a "thumbs down" if he should vote against it. Actually Sonny voted the way I would have on most bills, but not always.

Importantly, Montgomery was never part of what lawmakers liked to call the "go-team," (the floor leadership which pushed Gov. Ross Barnett's segregationist legislation during his hectic 1960-64 regime).

Most of Barnett's key legislative leaders were prominent in the white Citizens' Council, the segregationist organization Montgomery never joined. But I would rather have heard that straight from Sonny.

I'm glad Sonny's book does go into the one occasion where he was dragged

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Bay annexation should be put to vote

This letter is in regards to the Bay St. Louis annexation article that appeared recently and in regards to the annexation process, in general.

First of all, let me state that I am not totally opposed to the annexation as long as it benefits all parties concerned. However, this articles raised a few questions that need to be addressed.

According to the article, the annexed area would produce about \$650,000 in annual property taxes, \$140,000 each year in franchise fees and about \$180,000 a year in sales tax. This totals \$970,000. Projected annual costs of increasing police force, fire protection, and public works equals \$950,000 annually. This would increase revenue of only \$20,000 per year. All of this in anticipation of future development?

As for insurance rates going down, I would like to

state that a great deal of this area of proposed annexation is in a flood zone. I don't anticipate the National Flood Insurance rating decreasing for this area. How many businesses would risk developing in low lying areas? Sure, the I-10 area has potential for business expansion, but until a commitment in writing is made by companies, then area is still just potential.

It is also my understanding that car tags would increase for people in the proposed area. County services are already beginning installation of fire hydrants and garbage pick up and utility services are being provided for monthly fees.

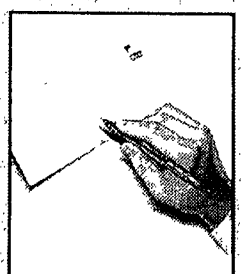
I would propose that city officials, publish the facts and let the people decide, perhaps by vote. It doesn't make sense that five or six people should decide what's best for 4,000 people.

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Letters to the Editor

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Flags are fine, but 'Kill 'Em All' goes too far

I am a native Mississippian and a university professor who has lived all over the country over the past few decades. This summer I have very much enjoyed spending time in Bay St. Louis, which I've found to be a wonderful community.

I was particularly enjoying the Crab Festival last weekend: the cordiality, good spirits, music, and arts and

crafts, until I spotted the booth adjacent to the music tent. This booth displayed various flags: military flags, a plain Confederate flag, a Confederate flag with a skeletal general with a snake draped around him, and penultimately, a flag that had as its motto "KILL 'EM ALL. GOD WILL SORT 'EM OUT."

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Fees from out of state lawyers support Legal Services for poor

Civil legal assistance programs for the poor in Mississippi will receive more than \$66,000 as a result of fees assessed to out of state lawyers.

The money will be divided among the state's four Legal Services offices and the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyer Project Legal Line.

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwin L. Pittman said sharp cuts in federal funding to Legal Services programs hurt poor people's access to the courts. Pittman has sought funding to assist Legal Services.

Pittman said, "The Legal Services Corp. and the Volunteer Lawyers Project need help. They've got a reduction in available funds to furnish legal advice mid services to the poorest people in the state."

"All of these Legal Services groups are experiencing major shortfalls in revenue and consequently, they've had to reduce the services rendered," Pittman said.

Linda Robinson of Jackson, executive director of Central Southwest Mississippi Legal Services, said, "We are very appreciative of the leadership role Chief Justice Pittman has taken in bringing to the

forefront the, tremendous reduction in funds and the tremendous impact it will have on low income citizens. He understands the need for equal access to every-

body. Statewide, Legal Services saw about \$1 million in federal funding cuts for the 2003 fiscal year, Robinson said.

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• Biloxi, South Mississippi Legal Services

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The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyer Project Legal Line will receive \$13,000. No formal presentation is planned.

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operated under the direction of the Mississippi Bar, allows callers to get basic legal information from an attorney at no charge. The program fields about 12,000 calls a year, said Phyllis Thornton, director of the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyer Project. Legislation enacted this year allows public and private funds to be used in providing legal

services to low income people, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove on March 25 signed legislation which created the Civil Legal Assistance Fund. Senate Bill 2543, introduced by Sen. Gloria Williamson of Philadelphia, designated the Supreme Court to administer the funds through the Administrative Office of Courts.

The Civil Legal Assistance Fund is authorized to accept monies from any public or private source. Pittman encourages others to add their support.

"Anybody that wants to contribute to this fund may do so," Pittman said.

The Supreme Court on Jan. 16, 2003, amended its rules regulating the practice of law in Mississippi by attorneys licensed in other states. One amendment to the rule for pro hac vice appearances requires that out of state lawyers pay a \$200 fee to be used for civil legal representation for the poor. The rule changes went into effect March 1. From March through June, more than 400 lawyers registered to participate as counsel pro hac vice, generating more than \$66,000 for indigent civil representation.

The Supreme Court designated the money collected from pro hac vice registration to be distributed to the Legal Services offices and the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyer Project Legal Line.

The money is expected to be distributed based on each Legal Services office's percentage of the eligible poverty population. The 19 counties covered by Central Southwest Mississippi Legal Services account for 27 percent of the state's

population living at or below the poverty level.

Southeast Mississippi Legal Services, whose service area includes 19 percent of the state's poverty population, is expected to receive \$9,880. It has offices in Hattiesburg, Laurel and Meridian.

South Mississippi Legal Services, whose service area includes 12 percent of the state's poverty population, is expected to receive \$6,240. It has offices in Biloxi and Pascagoula.

Cuts in federal funding mean some of the Legal Services branch offices may close as the organizations struggle to continue to provide services.

Robinson said she expects Central Southwest Mississippi Legal Services to close its two fully staffed offices in Natchez and Vicksburg, Robinson said she is seeking cheaper or free office space to keep a intake staff in both cities, but lawyers will have to divide their time between those satellite offices and the service area's other two offices in Jackson and McComb. Robinson said it's important to keep a presence in Natchez and Vicksburg because poor people who qualify for Legal Services assistance often lack transportation.

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unwittingly into the web of insanity spun during the Barnett years. As a Lt. Col. in command of a Meridian-based transportation unit, Sonny was activated by Barnett to ride aboard the first "Freedom Rider" Trailways bus that came through Meridian to Jackson.

Sonny's book has the wrong year. It was May, 1961, not May, 1965. Decker out in his army uniform, pistol strapped at his side, Montgomery rode into the Trailways Bus Station in Jackson with the two dozen racially-mixed riders.

A day earlier the same group had been attacked when the bus came into Montgomery, AL, for the same purpose it came to Mississippi: to test the segregated waiting rooms supposed desegregated a week previously by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Although Sonny had no idea at the time, somewhat remarkably one of the black riders who piled off the bus in Jackson was John Lewis of Atlanta, soon to become a top figure in the civil rights movement. A few years later, Lewis would become one of Montgomery's U.S. House colleagues, friend, and fellow Democrat.

A second Freedom Rider on the same bus, Bob Filner, then a 19-year-old Ivy Leaguer, would also later land in the U.S. House and become a member of

Montgomery's Veterans Affairs Committee.

Montgomery devotes a chapter to the late Sen. John C. Stennis, his good friend and colleague in Congress who he supported when Stennis in 1947, then a state circuit Court judge from tiny Dekalb, won a vacant Senate seat in a political upset.

That Stennis was a prominent alumnus of Mississippi State University, Montgomery's beloved alma mater, had naturally drawn him to support the humble country judge. But Sonny's book incorrectly states how Stennis actually won the Senate seat in 1947.

He did not defeat veteran U.S. Rep. Bill Colmer, a Pascagoula Democrat, in a second primary. There was no runoff, because of the existing special election law back then, the high man in the first primary was the winner, even with a plurality.

However, that was the last high-man-wins primary ever held, because the state election law was promptly changed in 1948 by some powerful state lawmakers disgruntled over Stennis being elected under the old system.

Some good reading comes from Montgomery's World War II experience as a young Armored division officer with Brig. Gen. Riley Ennis' command

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units in Germany and France in early 1945, mostly shuttling dispatches between the general's two units.

Once Montgomery found himself ahead of his own unit in enemy territory where he was suddenly "captured" by a U.S. reconnaissance team.

Later, in March, 1945 he helped capture a German machine-gun emplacement on the Rhine River, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star medal. By then the war in Europe was winding down, and the Germans were in retreat. Then, - as Montgomery relates, "I saw hundreds of half-starved Jewish captives wandering along the road" and he directed them to Allied units to be treated and fed.

Back home in Mississippi after the war, Montgomery renewed his long association with the Mississippi National Guard, eventually rising to the rank of Major General in the Guard before his retirement in 1981.

One of his regrets, Sonny relates in his book, is that he remained a bachelor. Certainly he had no shortage of high-profile lady friends along the way, among them the present U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, wife of former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, who in 1996 was the GOP presidential standard-bearer.

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ple not in their jurisdiction. I also propose that city officials try to come up with other ways of generating funds.

How about installing parking meters in downtown areas, pursuing a

group to operate multilevel parking garage, or increase hotel room rates to include a city tax on each room.

What about actively pursuing companies to operate from the Alcan building or other vacant buildings in

the city. Perhaps creating one or two festivals per year, drawing crowds to the downtown areas. Just a few things to think about.

Dave Richardson
Bay St. Louis

Kill 'em all

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I found myself surprised, saddened, and later disgusted. I hope that some of your readers who live in this community will also be. Even given our freedom of expression in this country, what

place do such calls to arms as especially evidenced in the last example have at a festival in which children and so many people of good will are enjoying themselves? The flag booth seemed to be set up like an arts and crafts booth, so I'd also ask: Has "KILL 'EM ALL" become an art or a craft? And where does such a philosophy lead? To Meridian, Mississippi? Or maybe next time, closer to home?

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Obituaries

EDITH BAILEY JOAN BERNARD RAY SMITH

EDITH BAILEY
Edith Marie Bailey, 87, of Pearlington died Friday, July 11, 2003 at Crosby Memorial Hospital in Picayune.

Mrs. Bailey was a native of Montegut, LA. She was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by one son, Carl Joseph Bennett.

Survivors include her husband, Alden Bailey of Pearlington; two sons, Earl C. Bennett of Bay St. Louis and Bernard Bailey of Pearlington; one daughter, Merle E. Brennan of Waveland; 14 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Services were held

Monday in the Bayou LaCroix Cemetery. McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of the arrangements.

JOAN BERNARD

Joan Evelyn Bernard, 60, of Lakeshore, MS, died Tuesday, July 15, 2003 in Lakeshore, MS. She was a native of New Orleans, LA and a Lifetime resident of Lakeshore, MS. She was a member of Nereids and was queen in 1979.

She is preceded in death by her Husband, Alvin G. Bernard, Sr.; Parents, Melvin Rod & Isabell Susan Tucker Villere.

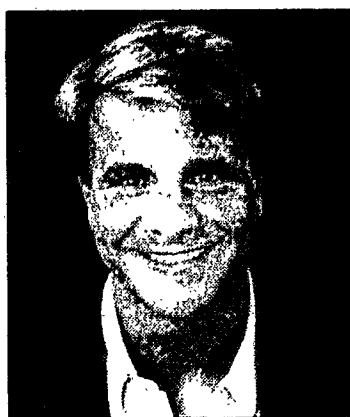
She is survived by Son, Alvin G. Bernard Jr., of Saucier, MS; two Daughters, April Ann Hardy of Jacksonville,

FL; Dina Sue Jones of Long Beach, MS; Brother, Melvin "Rod" Villere, Jr. of Slidell, LA; two Sisters, Barbara Ann Lawson of Robertsdale, AL; and Patricia Ann Garcia of Bay St. Louis, MS. She is also survived by three grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, July 18, 2003 from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. with Rosary at 8:00 P.M. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, MS.

The Prayer Service will be held Saturday, July 19, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home with interment following at the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, is in charge of the arrangements.



RAY SMITH

Ray A. Smith, 40, died Friday, July 4, 2003 in Los Angeles, CA. He was a Native of River Ridge, LA and a longtime resident of Los Angeles, CA for the past 18 years where he worked as a Realtor. He was of the Catholic Faith.

He was the Beloved son of Alfred J. Smith and step-mother Beverly Smith of Bay St. Louis,

MS; Beloved Son of Mary Bauer and step-father Milton Bauer of Gulfport, MS. He is also survived by three brothers, Alfred Smith, Jr., Leonard Smith, and Michael Smith; one Sister, Angel McKenzie, Step-Brother Edwin Brink, and two step-sister's, Kim Martin and Jeanie Hano, and many Nieces and Nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church on Friday, July 18, 2003, at 11:00 A.M. and the family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

The family prefers donations to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 228 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Health officials update on mosquito-borne illness activity in Mississippi

The Mississippi State Department of Health this week announced confirmation of mosquito-borne illnesses new to several areas of the state. Public health and animal health officials today confirmed the following:

- first 2003 identification of West Nile virus (WNV) in a bird in Harrison County
- first 2003 identification of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in a Clarke County horse
- first 2003 identification of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in a horse on the Forrest/Covington County border
- first 2003 identification of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in a Lee County horse
- first 2003 identification of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in a Wayne County horse

The horses tested positive for EEE and a bird tested positive for West Nile virus through Mississippi State Department of Health routine surveillance.

The Mississippi State Department of Health remains on the lookout for West Nile virus and other arboviruses that mosquitoes can transmit to humans.

"The identification of West Nile virus and EEE in horses, birds and mosquitoes is a reminder that we all need to take proper precautions," said Dr. Sally Slavinski, an epidemiologist with the Mississippi State Department of Health. "Mosquito-borne viruses are identified every year in Mississippi and active surveillance helps us identify where the viruses are located. To date, no human case of West Nile virus has been reported in Mississippi."

Mosquito-borne illnesses are transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. People who are at higher risk of severe illness from mosquito-borne illnesses are the elderly and anyone with a weak immune system.

Most West Nile encephalitis infection are mild. Symptoms include fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands.

Public health officials advise all Mississippians to "Fight the Bite" and to take standard precautions in preventing or avoiding mosquito bites.

Such protective and preventive measures include: avoiding mosquito-prone areas, especially at night when mosquito activity is highest; wearing protective clothing when going into

mosquito-prone areas; and, use insect repellents that contain DEET on exposed body parts when outdoors.

Last year, Mississippi experienced one of the largest outbreaks of WNV ever documented. In Mississippi alone, 193 cases were reported, resulting in 12 deaths. Nationwide there were over 4,000 cases and 294 deaths.

The public can call Health Info at 1-800-489-7670 or the West Nile virus toll-free hotline at 1-877-WST-NILE for more information on mosquito-borne illnesses.

Also, available to the public is the Health Department's website www.health.ms.gov - which features up-to-date information on public health issues such as mosquito-borne illnesses.

Area high-school students gain appreciation for science in summer course at USM

BY CHRISTOPHER MAPP

Unlike most high school students, Marlon Blake has had his eye on a career in science for some time. In fact, a job in meteorology has been on his radar since he was just 12 years old.

"I want to start out as a meteorologist," Blake said, pointing to a satellite photo showing the eye of a swirling hurricane. "Then I

want to become a hurricane hunter."

Blake, a sophomore from Hattiesburg High, was one of 20 students from the Hattiesburg/Petal school districts participating in a science career fair at The University of Southern Mississippi on Friday.

The students and five high school teachers are part of a six-week summer SCIENCE/Literacy program funded by the National Science Foundation. Upon completion of the course, students receive \$1,000.

"Continuously declining enrollment of high school students in the science areas has become a critical national concern," said Dr. Dana Thames, chair of the Southern Miss Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

"The goals of this program are to provide hands-on, individualized and critical-thinking instruction to high school students in an effort to promote interest, encouragement, appreciation, and improved confidence toward the sciences."

Although the six-week course is research intensive, offering ample time for laboratory projects, it also focuses heavily on science literacy. Each morning, students begin the day by reading scientific articles and then applying those concepts in experiments throughout the day.

One example of that practical application was a laboratory experiment that required the students to make applesauce out of crackers and other common ingredients. "We added

crème of tartar, cinnamon, water and some other stuff and heated it up. It wasn't perfect, but it tasted OK," said Jacob Kitchens, 18, a recent graduate of Petal High School who is considering a career in fire science.

Nicole McWright, a biology and chemistry teacher from Hancock High School, participated in the program for the first time this summer, working with students in the morning and then doing research projects with Dr. Morgan in the afternoon.

McWright said the course shows students how science affects almost every area of life. "Not a lot of students realize how things like polymer science apply to them, but this program really gets them excited about science," she said.

Top members of the Southern Miss administration, including President Dr. Shelby Thames and Gulf Coast Provost Dr. Jay Grimes, took time out Friday to attend the science career fair.

Standing in front of backdrops with photos, figures and information, students presented their research on all aspects of their chosen scientific profession.

"This is good because it prepares them for their field and what they're going to encounter as a professional," said Grimes, whose own research background is in marine science.

"If they go to a meeting, or share reports, talking about science is part of the whole process."

A polymer scientist himself, President Thames mingled with the students and talked to them enthusiastically about their science projects. "So many things have changed in science in the last 5-15 years," President Thames said. "Without contemporary programs like this, some students would never know what options are out there."

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'Locks' needs you

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Cutting Edge hair salon will be the scene of a mass shearing on Saturday when several area women hold their own "Hair-A-Thon" to raise funds and ponytails for Locks of Love.

Organized by Ann Prendergast, the event will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the salon at 547 Hwy. 90 in Waveland. Prendergast says about eight or nine people are signed up to donate hair so far including Shirley Prendergast, Betty Buras, Mary Ellen Harlen, Charlotte Tartavouille, Christine and Christen Berry, and Rosalyn Kinard. But the event is open to the public, said Prendergast, so anyone who wants to donate hair or contribute money to the cause is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Prendergast's goal is to raise at least \$3,500 and ten, ten inch ponytails, the cost of a wig for a child who has lost their own hair because of medical problems.

Any extra funds would be

donated to Locks. Prendergast will also have to ship the hair to Locks so donations for shipping charges would also be appreciated, she said.

Locks is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hair pieces to financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss. The hair pieces are custom made to fit each child's head.

The hair piece forms a vacuum seal and does not require adhesives, so children can swim, shower, do gymnastics and any other activities that children do.

Donated hair must be ten inches or longer, bundled in a ponytail or braid and free from chemical damage. Shorter hair may be donated with the understanding that it will be sold by Locks to help offset manufacturing costs.

Donations are tax deductible. You may make donations by calling Ann at 467-5375 or Holly Purvis at the Cutting Edge at 467-1366. You can also make donations directly to Locks. Contact them at 1-888-896-1588 or 561-963-1677 or log on to the web site at www.locksoflove.org.

USS Hornet Club reunion in September

The USS Hornet Club will hold its 55th Anniversary Reunion in Mobile, Ala. at the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel September 10-14, according to a joint announcement made by Stewart Kerr, Hornet Club Chairman and Capt. Ken Glass USNR (Ret.) 2003 reunion president. Between three and four hundred surviving veterans and their guests are expected to attend.

Reunion attendees will include several living crew members from the CV-8, the seventh Hornet in Naval history which launched the "Doolittle Raiders" in one of the most daring raids in the history of war. The remainder of navy veterans expected to attend from across the nation served on the USS Hornets CV-12, CVA-12 and CVS-12.

In March 1944, after the shortest shakedown cruise in Navy history (two weeks) CV-12 engaged the enemy in the Pacific. Her exploits during the following 18 months were spectacular and astonishing, and during those months she never tied up at a pier. For 14 of those months CV-12 was constantly in the most forward battle zones of the Pacific—sometimes within 40 miles

of Japanese home islands. The Hornet CV-12 was under heavy attack 59 times, but was never hit by a bomb, torpedo, or kamikaze. Her planes (and ships guns) destroyed 1,410 enemy aircraft and 1,269,710 tons of enemy shipping. Ten of her pilots became "ace in a day." Navy records were set for shooting down 72 planes in a day, number of planes shot down in a week, and 255 planes shot down in a month.

The Hornet launched first strikes in the liberation of the Philippines, and participated in virtually all of the assault landings in the Pacific from March 1944 until the end of WWII earning 9 battle stars.

On June 5, 1945 while weathering a typhoon the forward 24 feet of the Hornet's flight deck was collapsed by the heavy seas. For the next two days she launched aircraft off her stern as she backed down into the wind at 18.5 knots.

For her exploits in World War II she was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Called by some a treasure for the Navy and the Nation, the Hornet CVS-12 is berthed at Alameda, Ca.—a National Historic Landmark and Museum.

Live oaks bring community together in Pearlington

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Mississippi Urban Forest Council recently presented the 2003 Celebration of Trees award to Hancock County.

"We wanted to make sure that the trees in the Pearlington Cemetery would continue to provide solace and peacefulness, continue to be a symbol of this town," said Hancock County Supervisor Rocky Pullman, "and that these magnificent giants would stand watch over Pearlington. And one day we looked up at the trees and realized that they needed our help." The trees that Supervisor Pullman referred to are a grove of live oak trees planted in the Pearlington Cemetery sometime in the 19th century. Many of the trees are nearly two-hundred years old.

"It was about eighteen months after Hurricane Georges that people first started noticing that the trees were in some distress. And truthfully, we really never tied the problems to the storm, until people started asking questions," said Pullman. An arborist assessed the trees and determined wind damage from the storm, as well as

wind blown salt water had caused damage to the trees, and suggested immediate maintenance and the establishment of a regular after-storm routine.

Pearlington is one of the oldest communities in Hancock County, first as a settlement for Native Americans who fished the waters, and later the town became an important industrial community serving the regional forestry industry.

"Through a Mississippi Forestry Commission Urban Challenge Grant we were able to bring an arborist on board to assess the trees and to provide a workshop for people on maintaining the live oaks," said Pullman. "The Challenge Grant helped us insure that the Cemetery Live Oaks would survive and thrive, preserving the beauty of this location. Through the grant, we also provided outreach to the people about the maintenance needs of the live oaks; we did this by including people in the actual maintenance of the oaks. But something more important came from this effort. The interest brought the community together."

Pullman refers to efforts by the people in the town to

restore the historic Pearlington Cemetery. After the maintenance of the live oaks was completed, people from the town, young and old, united to maintain the cemetery. One of the first actions was to dismantle a fence dividing the white cemetery plots. And the residents of Pearlington are committed to preserving the beautiful, inspirational and historic cemetery.

"We felt compelled to insure the longevity and the health of these live oak trees—which symbolize this town. In return, we knew these trees would continue to be a source of inspiration for the community and every individual in Pearlington. How can you not look up into these oaks and not feel inspired by their grace, their beauty and their greatness," said Pullman.

Pass seeks public input on comp. plan

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The City of Pass Christian is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan.

This plan will serve as a guide for future improvements and development in the City. A survey was mailed to over 3,000 residents on June 25. Approximately 12% of the surveyed residents responded. Further community comments and opinions were received during the Chef's Market and Street Fair when Gulf Regional Planning Commission and Chamber of Commerce representatives handed out community input surveys to those interested.

The city wants more input. If you received the blue survey form in the mail please fill it out and return to Gulf Regional Planning Commission (address is on the survey) or drop them off at City Hall. Surveys will be accepted until August 1. Or if you did not receive a survey and want to fill one out please call 228-864-1167 or you may pick one up at the Library and the city.

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Shrimp landings good this season, experts say

BY BONNIE COBLENTZ
MSU Ag
Communications

Mississippi's shrimp season has been on-again, off-again because of rain, but landings to date have been good.

Dave Burrage, Extension professor of marine resources at Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center, said Biloxi saw about 1.4 million pounds of shrimp landed the first two weeks of the season. The shrimp season opened June 10, closed June 20, then the western portion reopened June 28.

"We did about the same production for the first two weeks of the season with landings in Biloxi as we did last year," Burrage said. "We had production in some larger size categories that we didn't have last year, which has been good for the fishermen."

Shrimp sizes are determined by how many shrimp are needed to make a pound. This year,

most of the shrimp landed are in the classes of 36-40 shrimp per pound or 41-50 per pound. However,

some shrimp in the larger 21-25 and 16-20 size classes are being caught.

Larger shrimp bring higher prices, but price is keeping this season from being a success.

Burrage said 36-40 shrimp bring \$1.25 a pound this year at the factories, and slightly smaller 41-50 shrimp sell for \$1.15. Both sizes sold for about 50 cents more per pound in 2002.

Shrimpers are finding that prices for the larger shrimp are much better if they remove the shrimp's heads before selling them to factories. Size 21-25 tails-only shrimp bring \$4.40 a pound at the factory, and the tails-only size 16-20 shrimp sell for \$5.25 a pound. Both sizes would bring only about \$2 per pound if sold heads-on to the factory.

"At that price, you can land those as tails and get a pretty good premium for taking the time to head them on the boat," Burrage said.

Those fishermen who are able to sell their night's catch off the dock directly to the public can earn about \$1 a pound more than if they

sold to the factories.

"The day boats are doing well," Burrage said. "They go out at night and shrimp, then sell off the dock in the morning for a premium. Boats that go out and catch 200 to 300 pounds a night can do that, but the larger boats can't and just have to take what the factory gives."

Other than prices being so low, shrimpers are contending with obstructions on the sea floor raised or deposited by Tropical Storm Bill in late June.

The eastern Mississippi Sound remains closed because excess rainfall in June washed juvenile shrimp out of the marshes. Shrimp must be size 68 before they can legally be caught, and the Department of Marine Resources samples daily to determine when the shrimp reach this size.

"Ten days without any rain should be enough time for the young shrimp to grow big enough to harvest. Barring any unforeseen significant rainfall, the entire Sound should be open for shrimping by the middle of July," Burrage said.



All three drivers involved in Tuesday's accident were injured, and one passenger. Three of the victims were taken to Hancock Medical Center for treatment; the fourth to Gulfport.

Crash

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vehicles were virtually untouched — probably because they were properly seated in child-safety seats.

Hannah is still investigating the accident. No citations have been issued in the incident, he said.

McNeil said the crash was quickly followed by four more on Hwy. 90, although none of those accidents were anywhere near as serious.

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Stabbing

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one to his back, Hurt said.

The sheriff's department received a call at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Hurt said, adding Deputy Jason Chandler was the first officer to arrive at the scene.

Hurt said Todd Wagner was treated at Hancock Medical Center and originally reported in a critical condition and then a stable

condition where he remained until his release late Monday.

"In investigating the case, Mrs. Wagner said she and her husband were involved in a fight and he came after her and she saw a knife and grabbed it and stabbed him in self defense. In conversations with Mr. Wagner on Monday, he said he did not want to press

charges against his wife," Hurt added.

Mrs. Wagner was still lodged in jail in lieu of a \$75,000 bond on Wednesday, Hurt reported.

Hurt said with the new domestic violence laws, whenever there is an injury in a domestic, the state has the right to make an arrest without a warrant for a 24-hour period.

Fire

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Director Brian Adam said that what people heard was probably an acetylene bottle. There were several bottles on the premises, Adam said, as there are at most other auto shops.

Fortunately, he said, no one was injured in the fire.

Adam and Dry sifted

through the wreckage of the now-destroyed shop on Tuesday, trying to determine what caused the fire.

Dry would not speculate on the cause of the blaze, but said the "investigation will take at least a week. It's like everything else — it ain't over 'til it's over."

Molestation

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Hancock County Criminal Justice facility under a \$50,000 bond and charged with one count of Touching a Child for Lustful Purposes (Molesting).

Criminal Investigator

Howard Parker is in charge of the investigation and Stevens' initial appearance in Waveland Municipal Court has been set for August 7.

Oprah Book Club books available at Hancock libraries

THE SEA COAST ECHO

East of Eden by John Steinbeck, the first selection in the newly relaunched Oprah Book Club, is now available at the branches of the Hancock County Library System. In partnership with the American Library Association (ALA), Oprah Winfrey has requested that the publisher of each book club selection donate up to five books to school, public and community college libraries.

Winfrey, named the nation's number one readers' advisor, almost single-handedly made reading a popular leisure-time activity. The new club will likely feature selections three to five times a year.

Persons interested in the book should contact the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282, the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724, or the Pearlinton Public Library at 533-0755. Or, library users can use DialPac to access the library system's automated catalog via a modem and their home, business or school computer. DialPacs number is 463-0024.

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Hancock School District applies for SACS accreditation

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The Hancock School District recently applied for accreditation of Hancock High School through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a non-governmental, voluntary organization that accredits more than 13,000 public and nonpublic institutions from early childhood through university level. The three-year process will begin during the 2003-2004 school year

and include such essential aspects as selecting a model for self-study, complying with existing standards, hiring a facilitator to assist with school improvement, and hosting a peer review team. SACS accreditation assures parents and the public that the school is focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation.

Free GED classes

Free GED preparation classes are being offered to area residents who are 18 and older. These classes are designed to provide one-on-one instruction to improve basic skills and help students prepare for the GED test.

Afternoon and evening

classes will be offered Monday through Thursday at the Hancock High School Vo-Tech building in the Kiln. Registration for these classes will be held on July 22nd and July 24th. Times for registration are 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Call 601-554-5551.

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Registration for 2003-2004 school year schedule

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All students expecting to attend Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools in the 2003-2004 school year must register at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be on July 28 through July 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with staff available on Tuesday evening, July 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Students who have not registered prior to the first day of school will not be assigned a schedule.

Students report for their first day of school on Friday, August 8, 2003.

Students who do not know which school they are to attend should call the Central office at 467-6621. Students who enter first

grade must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2003; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before that date.

Each new student must bring to registration the certificate of immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, and their Social Security number.

A report card or other record of grade placement is necessary to make official grade level assignment.

New students enrolling in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools will not be permitted to register unless residency has been verified through proper documentation.

Parents must provide the

school with a copy of two of the following items for verification of residency: filed Homestead Exemption application form; mortgage documents or property deed; apartment or home lease; utility bills; driver's license listing present address; voter precinct identification; automobile registration; or an affidavit of residence.

Returning students who have moved since the previous school year must provide 2 proofs of residence upon registration.

No student will be permitted to attend classes until all registration forms have been completed and properly signed.

All students will report for a full day of school on Friday, August 8, 2003, at

the following times: Bay High (9-12) and Bay-Waveland Middle School (6-8) 8:00 a.m.; all elementary

schools (K-5) 7:30 a.m. Bus Information will be posted at each school during registration.

Parents with questions about busing should contact Laidlaw at 466-9002 or 467-9023.

Protecting communities from wildfires seminar planned

Mississippi Coastal Plains RC&D Council, Inc. will be hosting this seminar - "Protecting Communities from Wildfires" Registration starts at 9 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Scenic Trails. Join in learning about the National Fire Plan for Our County.

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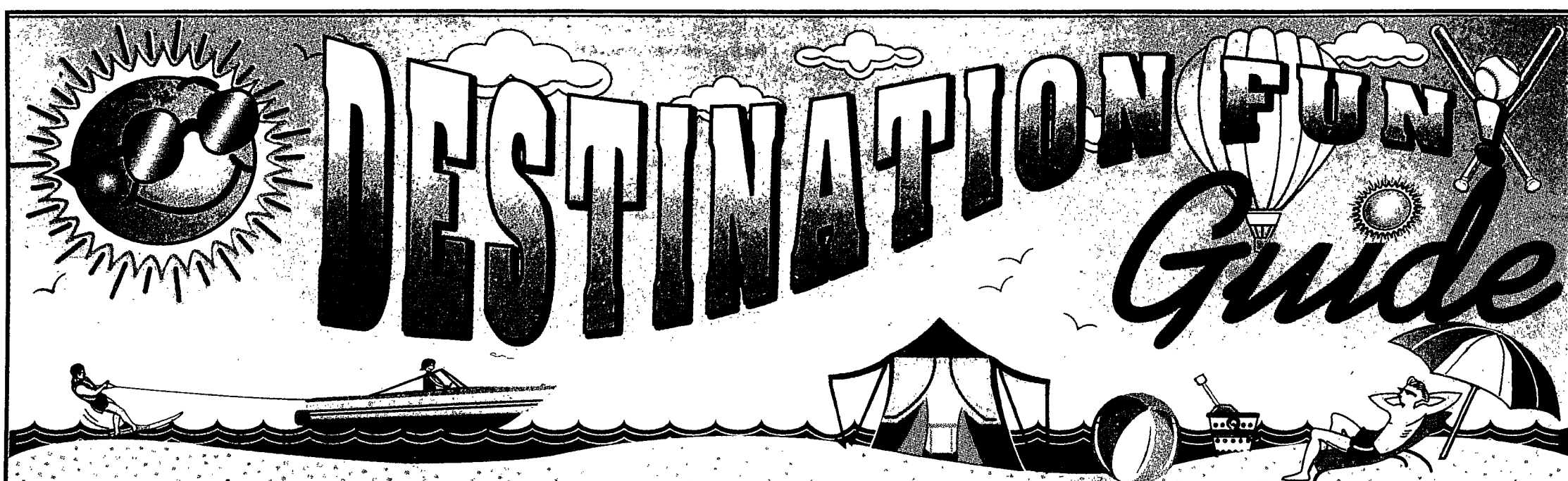
for Scenic Trails sign on left. From Hwy 603, take 53 East approximately 4 miles, watch for Scenic Trails sign on right. Turn on V Bar Rd to Scenic Trails. Follow the main road to the Pavilion on the Lake.

Funding for this program is provided by USDA Forest Service. For more information contact MSCPRC&D @

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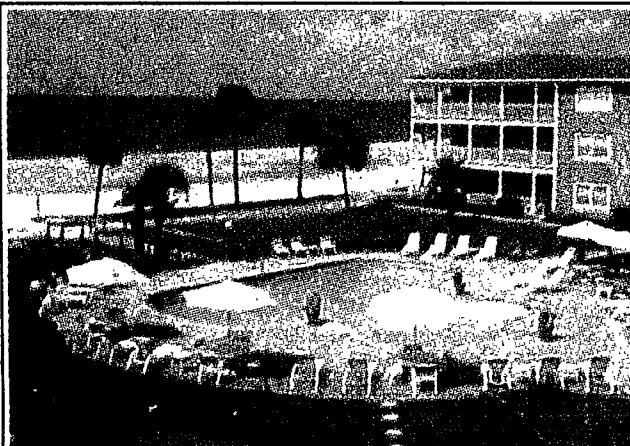
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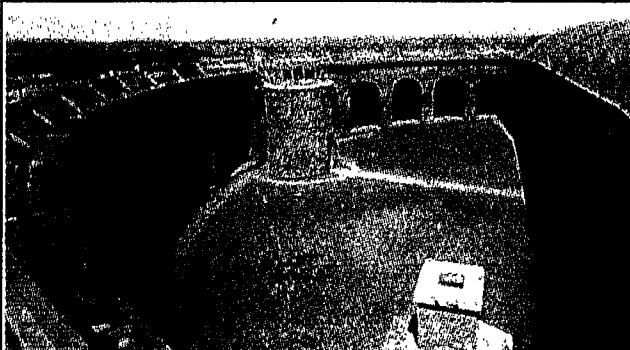
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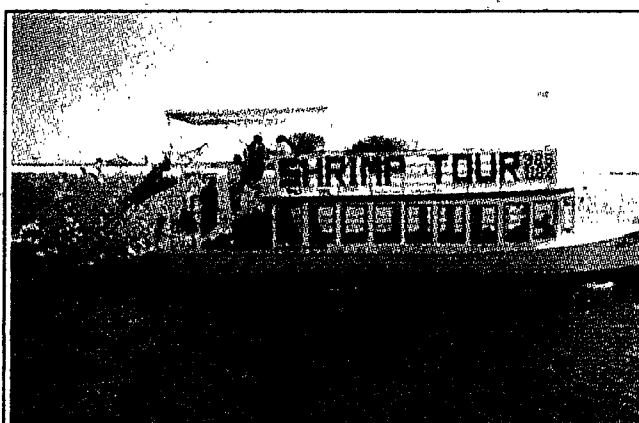
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Protecting youth from the health dangers associated with tobacco and alcohol use are at the top of The list for a nonprofit group in Hancock and Pearl River County. The Partnership for a Healthy Hancock and Pearl River County (PATH), the local affiliate of The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, provides prevention and educational programs for youth in grades K-12. They also organize cessation programs for the general public. The local coalition serves Hancock and Pearl River counties.

Gloria Necaise project director, The Partnership for a Healthy Hancock and Pearl River County (PATH), says it's important for the public to know that these programs are available for Mississippians of all ages. From serving as a team sponsor or implementing lessons in the classroom, to leading cessation support meetings or educating retailers about youth access laws, there are numerous opportunities for adults and youth to become a part of The Partnership.

"Our coalition has more than 35 members, and there is always room for one more," said Gloria Necaise. "With the continual planning of community activities and the need to reach as many people as possible, we can put anyone's skills to good work."

The local coalition works under the direction of a board of directors. Members of that board include Donna Spiers, Teacher at Pearl River Central High School, Stephanie Lopez, Nurse, Liz Sadler, MS, State Univ. Extension Service, Lynn Seals, Union Baptist Church, Officer Herald Hirsch, Sheriff Steve Garber, of Hancock County, Supervisor Lisa Cowan, Hancock County, and Terry Lathem, Hope Haven Director. The board meets on a quarterly basis and provides direction for the implementation of The Partnership's comprehensive prevention and cessation programs.

"The prevention programs we offer for youth provide comprehensive activities, from the classroom to the community," said Necaise. "Our programs provide free resources for educators and community leaders to use with youth in grades K-12. Churches, schools, law enforcement and community groups can take advantage of these free resources that offer activities and classroom lessons designed to help children build good decision-making skills."

Because the most effective way to prevent tobacco use is to work with children before they start smoking, The Partnership provides educational programs for youth as young as kindergarten age. However, in an effort to provide support and education to help children avoid peer pressure, as they grow older, The Partnership has implement-

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Blast in the Bay

Classic car show
raises nearly \$3,000
for Bay F.D.'s
'Doll & Toy Fund'

Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher

Automobile-enthusiasts showed up from as far away as Illinois Saturday for the sixth annual Blast in the Bay, the annual classic and street rod car show to benefit the Bay St. Louis Fire Department's Firemen's Doll and Toy Fund. Assistant Fire Chief Gary Maurice, who helped organize the event, said the show raised more than \$2,900 for the fund, which is used to purchase toys for local deserving children each Christmas.

The show was sponsored by the Bay F.D. and Champion Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep. The Misfits Street Krewzers classic car club helped host the event. Barry Richardson and Cartunes provided music.

Maurice said city and fire department employees, including Barbara Redding, Sandra Day, Linda Gavnagie, Alea Asumer and several firefighters were instrumental in making the Blast in the Bay the success it was.

You can still make a tax-deductible donation to the Doll and Toy fund. Call 467-4736, or send checks to:

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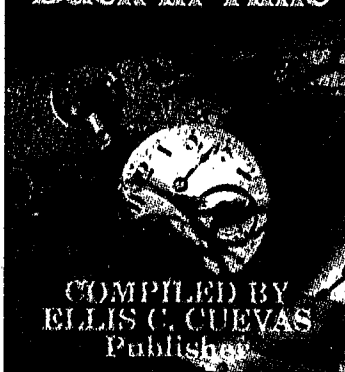


1963 - Supervisors' bills outweigh general fund

TEN YEARS AGO

July 8, 1993 - Waveland firefighters worked for more than three hours Tuesday to extinguish a natural gas line that ignited at a Waveland Avenue residence. The fire department responded to the Waveland Avenue residence at 1:26 p.m., when the resident's brother-in-law was mowing the grass and the gas line ignited. Fire Chief David Garcia said the accident occurred when the right mixture of air and gas occurred. There were no injuries to the accident, but the house suffered some

Back in Time



heat damage.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 10, 1983 - Mary Jo Jacobi of Bay St. Louis

accompanied President Reagan to Jackson recently for Mississippi Harmony festivities in the honor of U.S. Representative Trent Lott. Jacobi was appointed special assistant to Reagan for public liaison on May 1. Her specific liaison responsibilities include business, commerce, and trade. In her ten years in Washington, Jacobi has held lobby positions with 3M Company and the National Association of Manufacturers, and has served on the Republican staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce,

Science and Transportation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jacobi of Main Street, Bay St. Louis. -An audience of about 100 packed the second floor courtroom Wednesday night at the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis for a State Bureau of Marine Resources hearing concerning a Mississippi Department of Natural Resources request to change the Coastal Land Use Plan to allow gas and oil exploration in some 16,000 acres of wetland acres claimed by the state

in South Hancock County.

FORTY YEARS AGO

July 4, 1963

Supervisors Monday were unable to pay June bills chargeable to the country general fund as they amounted to more than \$9,000 and the fund had a June 30 balance of only \$5,604.46. Beat 3's road and bridge maintenance fund was in even worse shape with \$5,063.87 in bills held over from May still unpaid. The board authorized \$3,000 from Beat 2's road

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Area high school students performed well in a regional computer programming competition.

Area high school students place at computer programming competition

THE SEA COAST ECHO

To encourage area high school students studying computer programming, the Department of Computer Science at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast hosted its first computer programming competition April 12.

The winners of the com-

petition shown in the photo are (from left to right), Andrew Waterman of St. Stanislaus High School, who won first prize (\$600), along with his classmates, Chad Allee and Nima Shahhosini; David Gunther, Joshua Greenburg and Matt Nevels of Harrison Central High School, won third

prize (\$150); and Harry Lam and Jonathon Walter of Gulfport High School, won second prize (\$350).

Area high schools were invited to enter teams of no more than three students for the event, organized by USMGC assistant professor of computer science Dr. Georgios Demetrio.

OLA's Adam, Moran receive Presidential Service awards

THE SEA COAST ECHO

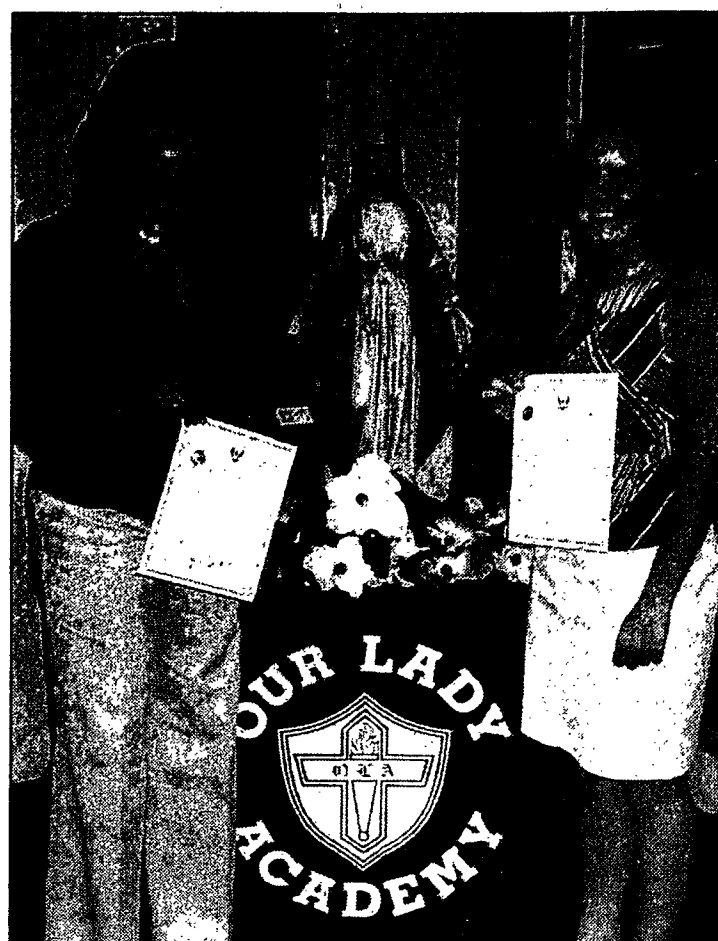
Two Our Lady Academy seniors received the President's Student Service Award at the annual Senior Awards Ceremony in May for having achieved over 100 hours of volunteer service in the community.

Clare Adam and Kate Moran were presented a commemorative pin and a certificate signed by President George W. Bush for giving 296 hours of service, collectively, through OLA's service-learning program entitled Christian Service Experience.

Adam, daughter of Margaret and William Adam III of Bay St. Louis, gave 159 hours of service at the Little Acorn Child Development Center operated by the Hancock County Human Resources Agency in Bay St. Louis.

Moran assisted in the obstetrics unit of the Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She accumulated 137 hours of volunteer service. Moran is the daughter of Carleen and Tommy Moran of Bay St. Louis.

Both OLA graduates plan to pursue a degree in nursing.



Our Lady Academy seniors Kate Moran (left) and Clare Adam received a President's Service Award certificate and pin for their volunteer service in the community.

Adam will attend Spring Hill College, and Moran has enrolled at the University of Mississippi.

Spotlight On Dining 2003

Southern Delights

Southern Delights, owned and operated by Neil Favre, is truly a treat for your taste buds. Favre opened the restaurant only 2 years ago and already has a loyal following and an excellent reputation for providing really delicious food at reasonable prices.

Every dish is freshly prepared to order and the portions are more than generous. Take for example the fried green tomatoes with cucumber sauce or the fried eggplant with crab fingers and shrimp with hollandaise for only \$6.95. Be sure to try the spinach-artichoke dip served hot with chips for only \$4.99. Seafood gumbo, some of the best I've ever had, is available daily as well as a soup of the day.

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Southern Delights has some of the most delicious specialty dishes such as the snapper, the grilled tuna or the stuffed crab platter. A very popular dish is Favre's own seafood medley: perfectly prepared marinara laced with shrimp, crawfish and crab served over pasta. The fried seafood plates are generous, especially the Seafood Platter. It consists of catfish, shrimp, oysters and frog legs, delicately fried to a golden brown, delicious! Of course Southern Delights serves all of your favorite traditional po-boys and sandwiches, and some not so traditional like the portabella mushroom sandwich. (You just have to try it, it's really good!) Try the grilled chicken sandwich with onions, mushrooms and swiss served on a Kaiser roll with french fries. Favre

selects a lunch and a dinner special which changes daily except on Mondays, that's red beans and rice day, of course. And what better to top off a great meal than a delicious home-made dessert! The bread pudding with rum walnut sauce is fantastic as is the strawberry pecan cake, hummingbird cake or the banana pudding.

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SPORTS & OUTDOORS

Basketball star



Sarah Bowen, granddaughter of Hugo and Myrna Favre of Bay St. Louis is a member of the New Orleans Southern Bells. Bowen, age 13, a freshman at Harrison Central this fall, is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Favre Bowen of Gulfport. Her team played in the AAU Girls Basketball Division II National Championships held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex winning the AAU title. Bowen scored 23 points in one game which included six three point shots. The National Championship was held July 5-12.

Be prepared in case of snakebite

BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

Almost everything surrounding a snakebite is controversial. According to Dr. Bill McKell, "I have seen it alluded on more than one occasion that 'a sober person, properly clothed, behaving sensibly, is almost never bitten.' I venture to presume that a percentage of the 45,000 snakebite victims each year in the U.S. would refute this."

Dr. McKell has several suggestions about what we should and should not do for the victim in the field. They are as follows:

1. Make sure the victim is away from the snake and out of danger of additional bites. If it can be accomplished quickly and safely, kill the snake for identification. Remember that completely severed heads can still inflict bites and inject venom.

2. Arrange for transportation to a hospital Emergency Room as soon as possible. Keep the victim calm and still. Do not give him or her alcohol, for it dilates blood vessels and enhances the spread of venom. If possible, have the victim lie flat with the bitten limb at the same level as the heart. Remove rings and other constricting jewelry.

3. "Tourniquets" are out. It is almost universally recommended that one apply a large "constricting band" at a level between the bite site and the heart. Taking care not to constrict arterial blood flow, this band should

allow your little finger to slip under it. Don't remove the band until antivenin is administered or decided against.

4. Incision and suction are no longer recommended.

5. Do not use ice or electric shock.

6. Prophylactic antibiotics are frequently given, but are of little benefit. If tetanus immunization isn't current, this should be rectified.

7. Antivenin: The only product approved by the Food and Drug Administration is associated with 10-25% rate of immediate allergic reactions and an almost universal experience of delayed allergic reactions. For this reason, the routine use of antivenin for all pit viper bites is not recommended. Though each case should be individually assessed, rattlesnake bites in children will usually be treated and patients with copperhead bites will generally not be given antivenin therapy. One must remember, however, that up to 30% of pit viper bites are "dry," meaning that no venom was injected and, therefore, no further treatment indicated.

"Snakebite victims, without exception, should be immediately taken for medical evaluation. If the patient is within an hour or so from an Emergency Room, first aid measures such as the constricting band may be omitted," concluded McKell.

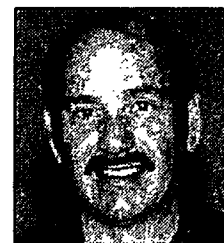
James L. Cummins is Executive Director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Stoneville, Mississippi. Known as "Wildlife Mississippi," the

Foundation is a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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All American Basketball camp set for July 21-24

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Ladner's Gulf Coast School of Basketball has changed its name to the All-American Basketball School; however, the quality of instruction on the fundamentals of the game remain as strong as ever.

The 15th annual camp will hold its traditional court at St. Stanislaus on July 21-24. The camp is open to boys ages 5 through 12th grade and the fee is \$65 per camper. The fee includes a camp t-shirt.

The camp will once again be directed by St. Stanislaus head basketball coach Jay Ladner and will feature former Mississippi State University head coach

Richard Williams.

Other camp staff includes former Gulfport head coach Bryan Caldwell, current Gulfport head coach Danny Grieves, and several top coaches from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama.

Guest speaker for the camp will be basketball coaching legend and Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame member J. Larry Ladner.

The camp will run daily from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Registration for the camp will begin one hour prior to the start of the first day of camp.

For more information please contact Jay Ladner at 228-467-9057, ext. 224 or 228-452-2916.

Greyhounds sneak by Bay Tigers 28-21

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The Ocean Springs Greyhounds defeated the Bay High Tigers 28-21 in a 7-on-7 football game on Thursday, July 10.

Antonio Hawkins scored twice for the Tigers while Lorenzo Lewis broke free for the other score. Zack Ferry tossed two scores and Corbin Blaize threw the third strike. Bay High head coach Glenn Williams stated, "This experience has been a good one for our

players this summer. It has allowed the older guys to work on their timing and patterns while the younger players have been able to get some solid snaps in before summer drills."

The Tigers will complete their summer workouts with a team camp at Mississippi State on July 26-27. There are 60-70 teams expected to be present at the Bulldogs' 7-on-7 camp this summer. The Tigers will begin summer practice on August 4th.



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and bridge maintenance fund to Beat 3', which enabled the May bills and all the June bills except one of June's for Beat 3 to be paid. In addition to the \$3,000 borrowed Monday, Beat 3 previously borrowed \$5,000 from Beat 5, and Beat 4 had also borrowed \$2,000 earlier from Beat 5.

Dedication of the new St. John's Catholic Church in Lakeshore will be held 5 p.m. Sunday with Bishop Joseph Brunini officiating. Construction of the new church began Easter. The structure features contemporary architecture and will seat 250 people.

The old church building will be moved to the back of the property and be used as a parish hall. The original church was built in the late 1800's, in 1907 the church was built and again in 1939

after weathering two hurricanes.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

July 10, 1953 - In an agreement that does not apply to Hancock County in general, but only to the area around the Pearl River-Hancock County line, District Attorney Boyce Holleman and juke operators near the line agreed upon a curfew restriction last week.

An establishment closes on Sunday, all day, open at 9 a.m. and close at 11 p.m. on weekdays and open 9 a.m. and close at midnight on Saturday. Last week at Justice of the Peace Court held in Aaron Academy school, juke operators are reported to have sought Holleman's advice. An employ of one club, reported on the stand that the night

of the raids on county jukes by Sheriff John Egloff and deputies, the whiskey which was behind the counter of the establishment was purchased from a Bay St. Louis dealer on the day of the raids.

Holleman said, "I think that padlocking procedures can be avoided; but if the clubs based along the Pearl River-Hancock County line fail to cooperate, I can and will resort to other means." The District Attorney stated that it is his belief that this is the first time Hancock County has had a good 'clean up' on the north end in over 20 years.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

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The classroom lessons are enhanced by after-school activities that allow youth to form teams and participate in monthly pro-

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"Children need activities that are fun and educational," Necaise says. "The programs that we offer teach children how to make healthy lifestyle decisions that will help them avoid tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. This comprehensive approach, combined with media and other statewide

programs, is clearly making a difference."

Since 1999, tobacco use by Mississippi public high school students has dropped 23 percent, while use by public middle school students has decreased 27 percent.

The Partnership has been operational in Hancock County and Pearl River County since 1999. The Partnership's free cessation programs are available to anyone who wants help overcoming an addiction to cigarettes or chewing

tobacco. Help is available via telephone counseling or through community-level support groups. The Partnership, as well as the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society implement cessation programs.

For more information about the educational resources available through The Partnership for a Healthy Hancock and Pearl River County (PATH), please call Gloria Necaise, Program Director at (228) 586-2590.

It's hurricane season: The best thing you can do is be prepared

Pre-Hurricane information
MISSISSIPPI POWER'S PLAN OF ACTION

With the approach of a hurricane, interruptions of electric service are likely to occur. Mississippi Power crews will try to maintain service during the storm while it's safe for employees to work. After the storm passes, an extensive plan for restoring power to vital community services and all customers is in place. If needed, crews from neighboring utilities will be on call. Once the storm passes, updated information about restoration will be provided to various local media outlets.

REPORTING POWER OUTAGES Mississippi Power has an automated telephone power outage system and numerous telephone operators on duty to take calls from customers. If the lines are busy, continue trying. Line crews will work as long as it is safe to do so, but when storm conditions become dangerous it will be necessary for crews to be called in. If electric service is interrupted during the height of the storm, please do not call Mississippi Power at that time. Wait a reasonable time after the winds have subsided before reporting your trouble.

PRECAUTIONS If you see a broken or burning wire, stay away and call Mississippi Power or local authorities. Warn others to keep clear of the fallen line and avoid contact with trees, fences or anything else the line may be touching. If a power line comes in contact with a vehicle, passengers should stay in the vehicle until crews arrive and confirm the line is de-energized.

FREEZER CARE Prior to a storm, freezers and refrigerators should be turned to their coldest settings. The more frozen food there is in a freezer, the longer it will remain frozen. Plastic jugs filled with frozen water will also help maintain the cold temperature. Use tape to seal the freezer and make it

as air-tight as possible. Well-filled freezers will keep most foods frozen for two to three days if the door is kept closed.

AFTER A STORM RESTORATION PLANS If there is extensive damage to the electric system, electricity in some areas may not be restored for several days. Customers are asked to be patient. Crews will work as quickly as possible to restore service. If necessary, Mississippi Power workers will be aided by crews from other utilities.

In order to satisfy the needs of the greatest number of people, electric service will be restored on a priority basis. Where possible, electric power will initially be restored to hospitals, law enforcement and other emergency facilities, public service facilities, sewerage systems, water works, and news media organizations. Main power lines from substations will be cleared and repaired, which will restore power to the maximum number of customers. After that, repair crews will go block-by-block, street-by-street and home-by-home to restore individual service.

Mississippi Power asks its customers to please be patient and know that crews are working a plan of action to restore the greatest number of customers in the shortest possible time. Please do not make attempts to have line crews respond to individual requests, as it will only delay the overall restoration process.

REPORTING OUTAGES After the passage of the hurricane, customers should replace any blown fuses or reset any tripped breakers. If the line connecting the house to the distribution pole is damaged, call to report an outage. If an entire neighborhood is without power, call once and then monitor news reports to follow restoration progress. Once neighborhood service is restored, customers should call again if they still do not have service. Mississippi Power's

automated phone system is the fastest, easiest way to report an outage.

HOME ELECTRICAL DAMAGE As Mississippi Power crews make repairs to the electric system, it is important that customers make sure the electric facilities at their homes or businesses are in tact. If electric meter boxes or service entrance pipes on the side of a home or business are damaged, Mississippi Power cannot restore electricity. Customers are responsible for contacting a licensed electrician to have repairs made and may then call to have power restored.

EVACUATED AREAS For customers living in areas evacuated due to the high water caused by the hurricane, electricity cannot be restored until official notification that the water has receded to safe levels. Restoration of electric service in those areas will begin as soon as public officials have notified Mississippi Power that the situation is safe.

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DANGEROUS SITUATIONS It's important for all citizens to be aware of potentially dangerous situations from downed power lines. Live power lines can also be hidden and in contact with fallen trees. Even though the electricity to your home may still be off... treat every wire as if it was energized and potentially dangerous.

PORTABLE GENERATORS During extended outages, some customers may use portable generators at

their homes or businesses. It's very important to use generators correctly. Do not use an extension cord to plug a generator into a household outlet. This can cause serious injury to you and/or restoration crews. Instead, only

connect appliances directly to the generator. If you have any questions about the use of a generator, please call Mississippi Power and tell the operator you need generator assistance.

FOOD IN FREEZERS Most freezers will hold food for three days if the door has not been opened. Do not open a freezer door to see if the foods are thawing during this time. If your power is not back on by the third day, make arrangements to place dry ice in the freezer or take foods to an operating freezer. If foods have thawed, they can be re-frozen if the food isn't warmer than normal refrigerator temperature. Otherwise, proceed with caution. If food smells bad or is slippery, do not eat it. Use all food that has been re-frozen as soon as possible.

BAYS soccer registration

The Bay Area Youth Soccer Association will be holding registration for the 2003-2004 soccer season this Saturday and Sunday at the Scott Demboski soccer complex off of Longfellow Rd.

Saturday July 19, 2003 from 9am-4pm

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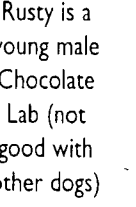
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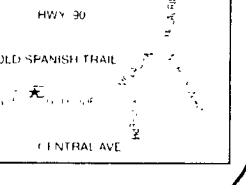
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His is a name that has been synonymous with superstardom, a true survivor and today he continues to enjoy success as a top-rated performer. His impressive list of hits includes renowned love songs such as "Roses Are Red," "Blue Velvet," and "Mr. Lonely."

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Bobby Vinton

again evidenced with the release of "My Melody of Love," when it became the number one song in the nation and was embraced

by Polish Americans around the country as their new national anthem.

As a result of these and many more hits, he was

awarded over a dozen gold records and albums during his career and has sold over 75 million records.

Over the past several years, Vinton has been honored by over one hundred national organizations and more than a dozen mayors across the United States for his unique contributions to the ethnic communities.

He was invited to Poland as a guest of the government. As a tribute to his talents and community services the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce bestowed the ultimate honor upon Vinton—a bronze star on the world famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Hollywood Boulevard.

During the first ten years of the rock era, Vinton had more number one hits than any other male vocalist including Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, according to Billboard Magazine. The phenomenal success he experienced in the recording industry carried over to other areas of the entertainment world.

He hosted a highly rated network variety special for CBS Television and starred in two John Wayne movies: "Big Jake" and "The Train Robbers".

He also recently opened the Bobby Vinton Blue Velvet Theatre, a 1600 seat European style theatre in Branson, Missouri.

A multi-talented musician as well as a singer and actor, Vinton was born in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, the son of a locally popular bandleader, Stan Vinton. He recently received an honorary doctoral degree in music for Duquesne University, his alma mater.

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The show began as a simple party skit based on a political cartoon more than

20 years ago in Austin, Texas. Writers Joe Sears, Jaston Williams and Ed Howard transformed this sketch about small-town country life into a critically acclaimed production.

"Greater Tuna" is a comedy about Texas' third smallest town, "where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies."

Couvillion and Abadie will portray several of the town's eccentric inhabi-

itants, including men, women, children and even pets.

The show will run every Friday and Saturday night through July 19.

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